

House Resolution No. 3975

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational programs that admirably provide students with stellar opportunities to obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Raytown High School in the Raytown C-2 School District of Jackson County, Missouri, sponsors a marching band program that has demonstrated exceptional performance at numerous competitive venues during the past nine years; and

Whereas, the Raytown Bluejay Pride Band recently enhanced its already impressive record of achievement when it was selected to perform as part of the July 4, 2007, Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, admirably guided by Director of Bands John W. Wilson with percussion assistance from Assistant Band Director Mike McBain, the Bluejay Pride Band has grown from 36 members to 125 members and has placed in the Top Three at the Alamo Bowl Field Show Competition and Halftime Show; the Gator Bowl Parade, Field Show, and Halftime Show; and the Sugar Bowl Halftime Show; and

Whereas, the Bluejay Pride Band also has placed First in the Odessa Parade and Field Show competition, the Trenton-Missouri Days Festival Marching Competition, the Carrolton Band Days Field Show Competitions, Missouri Western Tournament of Champions and has received a One (Superior) Rating at consecutive Missouri State High School Activities Association Large Ensemble competitions; and

Whereas, a minimum of twenty Bluejay Pride Band students perform regularly at MSHSAA State Solo/Ensemble contests, and at least one student has auditioned and made Missouri All-State Band since 2001; and

Whereas, the Raytown High School band program also is known for the quality of its jazz band, symphonic band, and competitive drum line:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the impressive success of the Bluejay Pride Band program and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon their selection as participants in the 2007 Independence Day Parade in our nation's capital; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Raytown High School marching band program.

Offered by _____
Representative Will Kraus
District No. 48

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3975, adopted June 5, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker